

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to research enrollment of
diabetic children in
prekindergarten programs and to
report back to the Board of
County Commissioners with
proposed recommendations for
avoiding

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-22-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RESEARCH ENROLLMENT OF
DIABETIC CHILDREN IN PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS
AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS WITH PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR AVOIDING DISCRIMINATION AND FACILITATING
ENROLLMENT OF DIABETIC CHILDREN IN
PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes is one of "the most common and chronic diseases in children and adolescents"; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Herald recently reported that an investigation of 75 prekindergarten programs in Broward County found approximately a third of providers advised they had no space for a diabetic child while advising parents of children without diabetes that they had space; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Herald recently reported that the American Diabetes Association and Southern Poverty Law Center are seeking a federal probe by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to look at whether Florida prekindergarten programs regularly discriminate against diabetic children; and

WHEREAS, prekindergarten programs provide a valuable service to parents; and

WHEREAS, parents of children with diabetes should be able to enroll their children in prekindergarten programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to research whether prekindergarten centers in Miami-Dade County turn down diabetic children for enrollment when space is available, and to bring a report,

which shall include proposed recommendations for preventing discrimination and facilitating enrollment of diabetic children in prekindergarten programs in Miami-Dade County, for review by this Board within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Estephanie Resnik